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SIR:

In response to the Final Rejection dated May 7, 2004, the period for response having been extended herein to October 7, 2004 by payment of the requisite fee of \$430.00 for a Petition for Extension of Time Under 37 C.F.R. § 1.136(a), it is respectfully requested that the Examiner reconsider his rejection in view of the remarks below. Although not amended, the claims are repeated below for the convenience of the Examiner.